Strorney's Docket No. 033339/234602 PATENT 2 3 2003 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Chantal Cayeula et al. Confirmation No. 5142 n re: 09/856,969 Group Art Unit 1645 Appl. No.: Examiner: Jana Hines Filing Date: August 1, 2001 For: SELECTION AND USES OF LACTIC ACID RECEIVE **BACTERIA STRAINS MODULATING** NON-SPECÍFIC IMMUNITY MAY 2 8 2003 Commissioner for Patents **TECH CENTER 1600/2900** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) 1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of 1 months to respond to the Office Action dated January 24, 2003. 2. Applicant is a small entity; other than a small entity. 3. Calculation of extension fee $(37 \text{ C.F.R. } \S 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5))$: Fee For Other **Total Months** Fee for Than Small Entity Requested **Small Entity** one month \$110.00 \$55.00 \$410.00 two months \$205.00 three months \$930.00 \$465.00 four months \$1,450.00 \$725.00 five months* \$1,970.00 \$985.00 *Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed. Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee. Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency. Respectfully submitted, 05/27/2003 RHARISI 00000018 09856969 110.00 OP 01 FC:1251 Raymond O. Linker, Jr. Registration No. 26,419 Customer No. 00826 ALSTON & BIRD LLP Bank of America Plaza 101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000 Charlotte, NC 28280-4000 Tel Charlotte Office (704) 444-1000

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